

Meir holds urgent session to discuss fighting inflation

JOINT C'TEE FORMED

Jerusalem Post Staff
A special urgent meeting of the members of the Ministerial Economic Committee with leaders of the Histadrut was held yesterday to discuss the problem of inflation. The meeting, behind closed doors, and for four hours, was conducted in a spirit of friendliness and "a spirit of compromise and understanding." Through no specific action, curbing inflation was agreed upon. It was decided to establish a joint committee of representatives of the Government, the Histadrut, the Coordinating Committee of Economic Organizations, the agricultural sector, and the business community. The committee will formulate plans to curb inflation, taking into account all the time the relationship between prices, wages, and profits, the spokesman said.

Arabs held in Vienna to be expelled

NYN. — Three Arabs, who admitted being members of Black September, yesterday pleaded guilty charges of having travelled to Austria on forged Israeli passports, and were given suspended four-month prison terms and ordered expelled from Austria.

The three men, who were arrested in January 20 in a Vienna hotel, declined to talk to investigating officials for some time and then confessed to police by changing their names. One of them, named "Ahmed," despite persistent questioning, police failed to establish their names and origin, the spokesman said.

The three at last confessed, saying they did not want to inflict harm on Austria or Austrians, and claimed they were supposed to wait for orders while in Vienna. Police speculated that the Arabs, who were given names, were sent to Vienna by the Israeli government, to stage attacks on Israeli property in Austria.

According to the passports, the three Arabs were Ibrahim, 28, Yusef, 28, and Akov, 28. Later, the men claimed they were Syrians and identified themselves as Ramon, Toun, a locksmith's apprentice from Damascus, Joseph Bukal, 22, born in Alexandria, and Elias, 22, born in Beirut. The three men, who were given names, were sent to Vienna by the Israeli government, to stage attacks on Israeli property in Austria.

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Soviets may work for Canal settlement

By SAM LIPSKI
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — The Soviet Union, after the Vietnam settlement, may be willing to cooperate actively with the U.S. in promoting an interim Suez Canal agreement, informed analysts said yesterday.

The view was expressed here after the Soviet Communist Party leader, Leonid Brezhnev, hailed the Vietnam accord in Moscow as an important turning point in international affairs which would improve Soviet-American relations and influence settlements in trouble spots such as the Middle East. (See Column 7).

Analysts noted that the Soviet Union's prestige and influence in Egypt was not as significant as it had been before the withdrawal of the Russian military personnel last summer. But Moscow still had considerable leverage in Cairo, they added.

Particular interest was aroused here by the language and content of Mr. Brezhnev's remarks. Welcoming the Vietnam agreement, the Soviet leader added: "Moreover, this shows that it is possible to find a peaceful and just solution of other conflicts, to liquidate the seats of war danger that now exist, above all in the Middle East, since the situation in that area is fraught with a great threat for the cause of peace."

Analysts pointed out that this statement was not so very different from the formulations of the Nixon Administration and considerably more restrained than previous references to the Middle East by the Soviet leadership.

Mr. Brezhnev's statement was seen as a sign that Moscow may be prepared to use its diplomatic efforts to "nudge" Cairo in the direction of negotiations on the understanding that Washington will be doing the same with Jerusalem.

Jordan F.M. foiled

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent
A plot to assassinate the Jordanian Foreign Minister when he arrived in Cairo last week was foiled — apparently through the efforts of Jordanian intelligence.

According to the Cairo correspondent of the Beirut "An-Nahar" newspaper, the Jordanian Embassy in Cairo informed the Egyptian Foreign Ministry that four Palestinians had arrived in the country from Beirut, with express orders to kill Foreign Minister Salah Abu Zaid. The embassy claimed that the Fatah's Black September was behind the attempt.

Black September has thus far claimed responsibility for the murder of Jordanian Prime Minister Wasfi Tal when he visited Cairo under similar circumstances in November 1971, and for the attempted assassination of a month later of the Jordanian Ambassador in London, Fawzi Fawzi, who was also thought to have been the victim of Black September.

"An-Nahar" correspondent, Fawzi Matar, said the Egyptian Foreign Ministry, after being informed of the plot, ordered the country's secret police to interrogate the head of Fatah's intelligence, Salah Halif, also known as Abu Ayad, who is high in the Black September hierarchy.

The Egyptians immediately increased security precautions and stationed more guards to the Jordanian delegation to the talks, it was learned.

"An-Nahar" claimed that the assassination plot was one of the main reasons for the decision by King Hussein not to go to Cairo before leaving for Washington this week, as was originally reported. King Hussein's decision was submitted to the Egyptian authorities by Jordanian Foreign Minister earlier this week.

According to "An-Nahar," Halif denied, under interrogation, that the Fatah "or any other organization under our command" had anything to do with the assassination plot. He claimed that it was a result of Jordanian hysteria, and a cheap attempt to get better security arrangements.

Israeli observers, however, say that the "An-Nahar" report is "probably true" in view of statements made by Halif earlier this week in which he was quoted as saying that "our young men will continue to avenge the murder of our brethren by Hussein and his henchmen. We will soon show the Arab people that this traitor (Hussein) cannot go unpunished."

Abu Ayad told newsmen on the anniversary of the "Palestinian Revolution" last week that the Arab world should never take any steps which would "give the crook Hussein his status back. In Ajloun and Amman, Halif continued, "Hussein's tank crushed wounded Palestinians to death without the King even batting an eye-lid. Four of our young men managed to revenge the blood of the innocent when they killed that murderer e-Tel. We will continue to seek our revenge."

In the same speech Halif warned that his organization will continue to fight with "unconventional means," and that they would track down the enemy wherever he may be.

There is little doubt among Israeli observers here that Abu Ayad speaks for Black September, he heads the terrorist movement's operational arm, which includes Black September. The connection between Fatah and Black September has been demonstrated on several occasions, the most recent being on Sunday, when a member of the movement gave an interview on West German television.

The four members of Black September who killed e-Tel in Cairo were released from prison after the personal intervention of Fatah chief Yasser Arafat. Most of the Arab press — including the Fatah journal "Hassad el-Aassa" — have constantly linked the two organizations.

Hanoi for talks next week

NIXON TO MEET THIEU

WASHINGTON. — President Nixon announced yesterday he was sending his adviser, Dr. Henry Kissinger, to Hanoi this month to see if there was a will for peace there and to discuss postwar reconstruction.

The President also told a press conference that he would meet South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu at the western White House in California in the spring to discuss postwar relations.

The announcement came as the two commissions with the job of supervising the Vietnam cease-fire met in Saigon after four days of heavy fighting in the post-cessation period. (See below.)

Mr. Nixon spoke to reporters shortly after the White House announced that Dr. Kissinger, who negotiated the peace agreement signed last Saturday, would visit Hanoi on February 10-13 to discuss postwar relations between the U.S. and North Vietnam.

It will be the first visit to Hanoi by a top U.S. official since the American mission there was closed down in 1953.

But he acknowledged that such a programme was meeting opposition from some Congressmen and part of the American public.

Nixon said Kissinger will talk with top Hanoi leaders. "It is vital to us that we have direct communications" with the North Vietnamese.

He expected the Kissinger talks to be "extensive and frank," Nixon said, adding that his top foreign policy adviser will "initiate conversations" on the Indochina-wide reconstruction programme.

He said he realized some members of the U.S. Congress are "not keen on helping" countries in Southeast Asia, but that "I look upon this as a potential investment in peace."

Mr. Nixon said Dr. Kissinger would not be meeting with U.S. prisoners of war while in Hanoi.

The Nixon-Thieu meeting will be the first since Mr. Nixon was in Saigon in July 1969. The chief topic to be discussed is likely to be extent of U.S. economic aid to South Vietnam and the U.S. position if there is a major violation of the cease-fire by North Vietnam. (Reuters, AP, UPI)

Fewer clashes in Vietnam

SAIGON (UPI). — Communist and South Vietnamese forces clashed only 100 times throughout South Vietnam in the fourth day of the Vietnam cease-fire compared with more than 400 on the first day, military spokesmen said yesterday.

In one incident, a U.S. army aviator suffered slight wounds on Tuesday when Communists fired on a helicopter in the Quang Ngai coastal province north of Saigon, the spokesman said.

The U.S. command said Col. Truman Borman, senior province adviser in Quang Ngai province, was the third American to be wounded since the cease-fire took effect. In addition one American has been killed.

The joint military commission (J.M.C.) of Americans, North and South Vietnamese and Vietnamese officers is responsible, under the Paris agreement, for providing transport, security and demarcation lines so that the 1,160-man strong J.M.C. can move out into the observation stations in the countryside.

U.S. Vice-President Spiro Agnew met for an hour in Saigon yesterday with President Nguyen Van Thieu and also conferred with Saigon government officials who have been planning South Vietnam's postwar economic development, U.S. spokesmen said.

LEFTISTS PLANNED REBELLION — SADAT

By ANAN SAFADI, Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Egyptian President Sadat said last night that Marxists had planned to launch a rebellion against his government at the beginning of December. The student clashes with security forces in Cairo's streets were part of a leftist plot, he said.

Speaking to Parliament, which earlier had debated a special report on last month's student unrest, Sadat said 120 students and 21 others were still being held. Universities, closed after the January 3 clashes, are due to reopen on Saturday.

The President warned that leftist elements had intended to renew the university disturbances. His regime was the target of underground political activity, he said, adding that he would firmly quell all anti-government activity in Egypt's educational institutions.

Sadat said Egypt's political climate was "diverging from the principles of the July 23 (1952) revolution... it looks like a rebellion."

Leftists began to work against him in May 1971 when he cracked down on the Sabry group, Sadat claimed, and had initiated the student unrest both in January 1972 and last month. The leftists had planned to stage subversive acts in Cairo and other major cities at the beginning of December — including a student rally to declare the formation of a "Democratic National Union" party in defiance of Egypt's only political party, the Arab Socialist Union.

The President also mentioned leftist anti-government elements, who, he said, were awaiting a leftist confrontation with the government in order to launch their own activities.

He said the rightists were spreading rumours his regime was "diverging from the principles of the July 23 (1952) revolution... it looks like a rebellion."

The President's nearly two-hour address was transmitted over Cairo TV and radio. Sadat frequently paused for a few seconds, and then resumed, wondering why the left takes my political moves as being directed against them."

To cost a record £150m. Israel firm orders six supertankers from U.K.

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — English and American subsidiaries of the Israeli shipping company, Maritime Fruit Carriers, have placed the largest single order ever received by a British shipbuilding company with the Harland and Wolff Company of Belfast. The order for six supertankers is valued at £150m.

The order has been greeted with jubilation here. The only questioning note which has been heard concerns what use the Israeli company intends to make of the tankers.

The 320,000-ton supertankers, to cost £25m. each, are the biggest ships ever to be built in the U.K., and the order will keep the shipyard busy until 1977.

Harland and Wolff has shored up the most disastrous recent history of any British shipbuilder and the order shows the transformation brought about by extensive government investment (the government owns almost 48 per cent of the company) and the new Danish management.

Maritime Fruit Carriers' order is twice the value of the previous largest shipping order, which was also set by Harland and Wolff in 1971 when Shell International Marine booked four 313,000-tonners at the Belfast yard.

The new order was actually placed by the Island Fruit Reefers shipping company of London and the General Maritime group of companies, New York.

Island Fruit was founded in 1968 as an independent British company and is 95 per cent owned by Maritime Fruit Carriers, a Panamanian company which in turn is part of Harland-based Maritime Fruit Carriers. It owns three refrigerated fruit-carrying ships built in Britain, and five more are on order.

The General Maritime group is also part of the Maritime Fruit Carriers empire, which owns 40 refrigerated vessels and is reportedly aiming at building up a fleet totaling five million tons deadweight by 1977.

The London and New York companies are equal partners in the new order. The deal is being financed 80 per cent through loans in Britain and the U.S. and 20 per cent through own capital.

A London spokesman of Island Fruit said no plans had yet been made for the employment of the six supertankers. He admitted that there might be difficulty in chartering them to oil companies carrying Arab oil.

The latest order, and some earlier orders for smaller vessels, as well as the order placed by General Maritime in the U.S. this month for three supertankers of 380,000 tons each, would give the combine far more tonnage than could be justified by the volume of oil carried to the Eilat-Ashdod pipeline, unless this is greatly enlarged.

It has been suggested that Maritime may have ordered these new ships with an eye on the large quantities of crude oil from Iran which may be imported by the U.S. from 1975 onwards. There is also some speculation linking this and similar orders with the recent statement by the Shah of Iran that he intends to market his oil independently of the giant contracts as soon as current contracts expire. It is felt that perhaps Maritime hope to become his carriers.

Our Diplomatic Reporter adds: Well-placed sources in Israel's oil industry said last night they thought the tanker deal had no bearing on Israel's own oil economy. They said the tankers would probably be used on long-distance — probably transatlantic — runs.

There is apparently no intention of using the tankers in conjunction with the Eilat-Ashdod pipeline. No contacts between Maritime Fruit Carriers and the Pipeline Company were made before the deal with Harland and Wolff, authoritative sources said.

Letter-bomb spy ring uncovered

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent
Security forces have uncovered a sabotage and spy ring in the Golan Heights. So far six members of the ring — all from Majd al Shams in the Golan Heights — have been arrested. One member of the ring was killed while trying to cross into Syria on the night of January 28. He was buried yesterday. More arrests are expected.

This is the second major spy ring in the pay of Syria to be uncovered this month. Suspects from the first — including three Jews — were indicted in Haifa last week.

Those arrested admitted this week they had been responsible for sending "booby-trapped" letters addressed to U.S. President Richard Nixon, the Defence Secretary and Secretary of State, from Kiyat Shimon in October last year.

The letters had been handed to them by a representative of Syrian intelligence.

They also admitted to sending letter bombs to various people in Israel from Tel Aviv this month. All the letters were intercepted apart from one which injured a teacher from Kiyat Gai.

The man killed crossing the border was found to be in possession of a handgrenade as well as documents containing information about settlements in the Golan Heights. A number of Israeli periodicals and newspapers were also found near the body.

Members of the ring were apparently charged with collecting classified information for the Syrians. How long the ring had been in operation could not be ascertained last night.

Heath, Nixon meet today

WASHINGTON. — British Prime Minister Edward Heath arrived in Washington late on Tuesday night for a series of talks with President Nixon on U.S.-British relations and Britain's new role in the European Common Market. Mr. Heath made no remarks as he left his plane at Andrews Air Force Base and stepped into a waiting limousine for Washington.

His talks with Nixon begin this morning following official welcoming ceremonies at the White House. He is due to return to London on Saturday morning.

David Lennon adds from London: Mr. Heath believes that it is important that the American initiative on the Middle East should be launched as soon as possible. Informed sources here said that they expected Mr. Heath to press this point with Mr. Nixon. At the same time, the Foreign Office spokesman told me that it is incorrect to speak of "a new British peace-making approach in the Middle East."

(UPI, AP)

Pope quotes Rabbi Heschel

VATICAN CITY (UPI). — Pope Paul VI yesterday quoted a rabbi in a speech about modern man's relationship with God.

The Pontiff, who in the past has quoted remarks by Roman Catholic dissenters and new left philosopher Herbert Marcuse, cited the late Rabbi Abraham Heschel of New York in an address at his weekly general audience.

He said believers are surprised to find "that even before, infinitely before we started our search for God, God has come to search for us."

The Pope did not mention the source of the quotation in his speech, but the text of the address published in the Vatican's "Osservatore Romano" referred to Heschel's book "God in Search of Man."

Eban sees accord with E.E.C. on Med. trade during 1973

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
BRUSSELS. — Foreign Minister Abba Eban said here yesterday he was confident that despite tough, long drawn out negotiations, Israel will reach an agreement with the Common Market before the end of this year to join in a free trade area with the other Mediterranean countries.

Speaking to Israeli newsmen here shortly before the end of his 44-hour visit to Brussels, Mr. Eban said: "We are going to get an agreement. Our talks here and in London do not cause me disquiet. My feeling is there will be lots of ups and downs and crises. But we are going to go ahead."

Mr. Eban's mention of London was a reference to the political reservations towards a Mediterranean free trade area which British Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home expressed to Israel's Ambassador Michael Comay in London on Monday.

Mr. Eban arrived in Brussels on Tuesday to sign a protocol which will safeguard Israel's citrus exports to Britain, Denmark and Ireland — the three new members of the Common Market — until the Mediterranean free trade zone begins operating in 1974.

The Foreign Minister said: "The overall conclusion which emerges from the statements of Common Market leaders to me here is that this protocol goes beyond the immediate objectives for 1973. The Common Market regards us as an area would conform to the rules of GATT. He also stressed that Washington's anxiety was a problem for the Common Market and the U.S. not for Israel."

Mr. Eban said Israel would not judge the free trade arrangements by their political and economic contents for Israel, nor in the light of what other Mediterranean countries obtain. But he insisted there must be no discrimination against Israel.

Underlining Israel's value to Europe as a trading partner, Mr. Eban said that Israel, a country of three million people, bought 75 per cent of the quantity of goods which India, with a population of 500 million, imports from the E.E.C.

Referring to the problems which (Continued on page 4, Col. 3)

\$60m. drugs stolen from police custody in U.S.

NEW YORK (Reuters). — Nearly 10 kilos of heroin and cocaine with an estimated black market value of nearly \$60m. has been stolen from police custody here, police Commissioner Patrick Murphy said yesterday.

The disappearance was made at a news conference following an extensive check on all narcotics recently stored at police headquarters in Lower Manhattan and on other police property offices.

The missing drugs include 30 lbs. of heroin — including the 30 lbs. from "The French Connection" which had been reported stolen last month — and 65 kilos of cocaine.

The Police Commissioner said the drugs were stolen from the "French Connection" and the "West German Connection".

He said the missing drugs were "valuable" from the police's office and presumed to be stolen from the streets.

Only police have access to the drugs, which are held for the purpose of combating drug traffic. Officials said it was impossible to know where the drugs were stolen from, and cocaine was stolen from the streets.

The Commissioner indicated that the missing drugs could not be recovered.

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Electoral reform prospects bleak, due to Liberal Party

By ASHER WALLFISH, Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Aspects of an electoral reform bill, which would create a new system of representation in the Knesset, were discussed yesterday. The bill, which would create a new system of representation in the Knesset, was discussed yesterday. The bill, which would create a new system of representation in the Knesset, was discussed yesterday. The bill, which would create a new system of representation in the Knesset, was discussed yesterday.

Another electoral measure which was introduced yesterday, this time in the form of a private member's bill, was the Agudat Shalom bill, which would require a majority of 30 Knesset votes to pass any electoral reform whatsoever.

democratic state, he said, it should be much more difficult than that to change constitutional arrangements. Alignment chief Moshe Baran said his party and Gahal could marshal 88 votes to support their surplus-votes amendment, but 61 was quite a democratic enough majority, for any other electoral measure.

Peled: 1,300 flats rented for immigrants

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Absorption Ministry has already signed contracts for 1,300 rental flats that will house new immigrants, Absorption Minister Naphtali Peled said yesterday. The Ministry aims at renting 3,000 flats, he told the Knesset, replying to a motion for the agenda by the N.R.P.'s Mrs. Tova Sanhedral. The motion was moved to Committee.

Gahal and the State List backed the Free Centre. Housing Minister Ze'ev Sharaf said he could not understand why Mr. Tamiel wanted to subsidize everyone by giving them the possibility of cheap rental flats. Even in America, he said, rental flats were only built by the authorities for the needy.

TEACHERS' PENSIONS

The Knesset on Tuesday voted to amend the Teachers' Pension Law, enabling teachers and kindergarten teachers to leave their profession after 20 years' service and keep their pension rights.

EGGED GARAGE IN TALPIOT

The Jerusalem Municipality has given the Knesset Interior Committee a commitment in writing that the Egged bus cooperative will not get a building licence for its planned city garage in the Talpiot quarter until it undertakes to build a 2.5-meter-high wall around the plot, and also plant trees around it.

Jewish Agency Assembly meets next week

The 'Jewish People's budget' — needs far exceed estimates

By MARK SEGAL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

When the Jewish Agency Assembly meets in Jerusalem next Monday one of its major tasks will be to consider the budget estimates presented by the Treasurer, Arye Dulzin, and to discuss ways of raising more money for the coming year.

raising targets. This heightens their sense of involvement in what happens at this end. For it is up to them to decide where the cuts are to be made. It can be truly said that the Jewish Agency budget is the budget of the Jewish People.

Fund-raisers ogle Egyptians on Canal tour

By MARY SELMAN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

A group of exhausted Israel Bond leaders flew to the Suez Canal yesterday to see firsthand the Israeli fortifications, stare at the Egyptians on the other side, and tour the living quarters of the troops — all this to fire their spirits for the year ahead in which they have promised to collect \$380m.

Rally for Arab Jewry at Univ. of Negev

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Hundreds of students at the University of the Negev took part yesterday in a demonstration on behalf of Jews in Arab countries.

Kahane to be tried 'soon' for arms smuggling

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jewish Defence League leader Meir Kahane is to be prosecuted "within a few days" for attempting to smuggle arms out of Israel, informed sources said yesterday.

40 social workers in J'lem to be dismissed in March

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH, Jerusalem Post Reporter

Municipal social workers in Jerusalem are to meet tomorrow to protest the pending dismissal of 40 of their colleagues hired during the peak of the Black Panther disturbances two years ago.

Face lifting for Dizengoff Circle

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Dizengoff Circle, one of the city's main attractions, is to get its face lifted. Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz announced yesterday that the circle is to get new benches, lighting and pavements.

THE MUNICIPAL TREASURERS

Union opened its three-day annual convention in Beersheba yesterday. Among the convention's guest speakers are Haim Kuberky, Director-General of the Interior Ministry; Pinhas Eylon, chairman of the Union of Local Authorities; Mayor Ellyahu Navi of Beersheba and Mayor Yosef Neve of Herzliya.

Buenos Aires air link 'not before summer'

Jerusalem Post Aviation Reporter

Inauguration of regular flights between Buenos Aires and Lod, originally scheduled for last September and repeatedly postponed, is not likely to take place before the summer, at the earliest.

Civil aviation men get IL70 rise

LOD AIRPORT. — Some civil aviation employees in Israel will receive a IL70 monthly pay rise retroactive to last April. The rise is the result of a strike held two months ago which paralysed the country's airports.

Gaza men held for smuggling

GAZA. — Two residents of Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip were arrested Tuesday night along with IL20,000 worth of goods they are suspected of smuggling into the Strip.

AN ELDERLY RESIDENT of Rehov Lilielblum in Tel Aviv, Shraga Fingeryk, 63, was robbed of IL2,000 Tuesday evening by a man who waylaid him in the hallway of his house. The robber snatched Mr. Fingeryk's wallet and fled in a waiting vehicle, police believe.

ISRAEL NAMES CONSUL-GENERAL TO HONGKONG

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Israel's first Consul-General in Hong Kong is to be Immanuel Galfar, former Ambassador to Cameroon. Mr. Galfar is 55 and a former officer.

Fairs in Germany

25.2. — 1.3.1973 Frankfurt International Fair *	28.3. — 1.4.1973 Frankfurt International Exhibition Sanitation-Heating-Air Conditioning	7.4. — 15.4.1973 Munich IHM — International Light Industries and Handicraft Fair
9.3. — 11.3.1973 Cologne International Hardware Fair	11.4. — 15.4.1973 Duesseldorf 99th IGEDO International Fashion Fair	13.4. — 17.4.1973 Pirmasens 10th IMS — International Footwear Manufacturing Fair
10.3. — 18.3.1973 Munich 17th BAUMA International Construction Machinery Fair	23.3. — 25.3.1973 Cologne International Fair for the Child	24.3. — 26.3.1973 Duesseldorf 35th GDS — European Footwear Sample Display
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American crew of the joint U.S.-Soviet space mission scheduled for 1975. American and Soviet astronauts will link up, and the crew will exchange visits. The commander of the U.S. mission will be Thomas Stafford, right, who has been on three space flights. The other astronauts are Donald Slayton, left, and Vance Brand, who will be making their first space trips. (AP radiophoto)

Quake hits Mexico; 12 dead

XICO CITY (Reuters). — At least 12 people were killed and scores injured by the earthquake that rocked central Mexico on Tuesday from capital city to the Pacific Coast, state said.

The quake, which struck at lunch, lasted for three minutes, reaching an intensity of 7.5 on the 10-point Richter Scale — stronger than the one which destroyed the Nicaraguan capital of Managua last month.

Most of the victims were reported in the Pacific Coast states of Jalisco and Michoacan, about 400 miles west of here.

Communications with Manzanillo, a village in the extreme north of Jalisco state, were still cut yesterday. Officials feared the quake may have badly hit the area, resulting in more victims.

In the capital, where buildings, schools, small fires broke out and power and electricity supplies failed, 400,000 office workers fled in tall, swaying buildings.

I could literally see buildings lying," said a newspaper vendor on a street corner stand.

Beirut students prevented from demonstrating

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Security forces near the Ministry of Education here yesterday prevented students from staging demonstrations in support of striking government school teachers.

More than 40 people were reported injured on Tuesday in clashes between police and student demonstrators backing the 16,000 teachers on a last week went on a strike which protested the firing of teachers who earlier had struck against a government.

Police yesterday prevented students from gathering but allowed them to enter the Faculty of Education, near the Ministry, individually.

Reports from Sidon in South Lebanon and Tripoli in the north said a situation was calm there, although classes were partially disrupted by strikes among teachers.

Most of Lebanon's 19,000 private school teachers had gone on strike on Tuesday in solidarity with their colleagues in government schools, returned to work yesterday.

Italy's health services hit by strikes

ROME (Reuters). — Italy's health services were semi-paralyzed yesterday as junior hospital doctors and dental service employees struck all over the country.

Apart from causing inconvenience to the general public, the strikes, together with others due in the next few days, will put further pressure on the government, already struggling with the massive metalworkers unions.

Some 25,000 junior hospital doctors began a week-long strike, demanding a new work contract, a revision of their qualifying examination system, and a full national health system to replace the present piecemeal arrangement. Other doctors, belonging to a separate union which is not striking, were expected to keep essential services going.

In another strike, 200,000 social service workers held a 24-hour nationwide stoppage. They also plan further strikes staggered by regions until February 15, when another national walkout is scheduled.

Italian F.M. due in Cairo

CAIRO (Reuters). — Italian Foreign Minister Giuseppe Medici is due in Cairo today for a five-day official visit which will include talks on the Middle East with Prime Minister Ugo La Malfa and other Egyptian leaders.

The Italian minister and his delegation are expected to discuss the role Italy and other European countries can play in seeking a settlement in the Middle East.

Italy is one of the countries hardest hit by a trade-point of view, the closure of the Suez Canal and is keenly interested in a solution which would lead to the reopening of the waterway.

Bonn to ratify treaty on Nazi prosecutions

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN — A Franco-German treaty permitting prosecution of former Nazi criminals convicted in absentia in France but still living free in West Germany should be ratified in three months, a Bonn Justice Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

The treaty is expected to pass the Bundestag (upper house) without objections this Friday in the first step through the legislature after being introduced by the Government for the second time within a year.

A Justice Ministry spokesman announced this in response to inquiries concerning criticism that the treaty has not been ratified by the Bundestag (Lower House of Parliament) although it was signed exactly two years ago this Friday.

The treaty overrules a 1954 agreement between Bonn and the Western allies that war criminals convicted by Allied tribunals could not be tried for the same crimes in West Germany.

Ratification is necessary before justice authorities here can act in about 80 cases against former Nazi officials sentenced in absentia in France for crimes during the German occupation there.

Many of these officials reportedly went underground in West Germany after 1945 and came out only after the 1954 agreement assured safety from further prosecution.

The two-year delay in treaty ap-

proval by the Bundestag has sparked repeated protests, the last one a week ago in Düsseldorf by the International Committee of Auschwitz survivors.

The Bonn Government waited a full year — "in line with international custom" — after signing the treaty, sending it to the Bundestag in March of 1972.

The spokesman said it then fell victim to the parliamentary stalemate which paralyzed most legislation after Chancellor Willy Brandt barely survived a no-confidence vote on April 27.

Three weeks ago the Government reintroduced the ratification bill a second time, following the election of a new Bundestag last November.

The Justice Ministry spokesman said a final vote could be expected by the Bundestag in May of this year. He stressed the Government's "considerable interest" in getting the bill passed quickly.

He said that Bundestag legal experts still wanted to ensure that the treaty did not violate the principle that a person could not be tried twice for the same crime. The Ministry, however, was convinced that the treaty could pass any legal test.

Once in effect, the treaty will allow German authorities to press charges against former Nazi officials such as Kurt Lischke, wartime Gestapo chief in Paris, Herbert Hagen, Gestapo chief in Bordeaux, and Egon Zill, head of the Naziweiser concentration camp in Alsace.

Fear of Arab blackmail said worrying U.S.

NEW YORK (Reuters). — America's increasing dependence on Middle East oil resources may put pressure on Israel, according to Robert Keatley, writing from Washington in the "Wall Street Journal" on Tuesday.

Mr. Keatley's article, the second of two on the energy crisis in the U.S., notes that "the huge amount of money that Arab nations will get from selling their oil could imperil the world monetary system and spur the U.S. to new political activity in the Middle East."

The worst the experts fear, according to Keatley, is "that political disputes or a shooting war in the Middle East might eventually sever America's fuel supply lines." Presidential adviser Henry Kissinger has just started organizing a policy review relating the impact of oil on the U.S. economy and internal and external security. One of the "deeply worrisome" topics under review is Middle East policy, Keatley says.

He adds: "Some analysts see a growing contradiction between massive U.S. aid to Israel and this country's increased need for Arab oil. So far the Arab governments have been unwilling to use their fuel exports for political blackmail, but there is doubt about how long this restraint can last. Rather than risk having supplies cut by another Arab-Israeli war, the study may recommend stronger U.S. efforts to settle Middle East conflicts soon."

Keatley says that the presidential energy message to Congress, being drafted for Kissinger by James Baker, the State Department's senior energy authority, will stress that the process of developing alternative fuel resources may take two decades or more, and "in the meantime, officials say, other government policies must be examined and perhaps modified in order to avoid the worst dangers."

"High on the list comes Middle East policy," Washington does not want to face a future choice be-

tween preserving Israel or partially ending Arab oil producers, however unlikely that prospect now seems. To date, militant Arabs have been unable to get oil-exporting governments to use their fuel for political pressure... but some Arabs see greater unity as their wealth increases. King Feisal of Saudi Arabia, for example, may eventually use his oil "to help get the Israelis out of Jerusalem."

By the 1980s, Keatley says, Arab governments may be collecting as much as \$40,000 million annually in oil revenues, up from less than \$5,000 million in 1970. Experts say that by 1980 fuel imports will account for at least \$10,000 million in U.S. trade deficits. This drain alone threatens the dollar's stability, and there is another troublesome prospect... Middle East oil-producing nations will accumulate vast sums they can't spend internally, and these "huge cash reserves, if transferred erratically, could disrupt the international monetary system far more seriously than the 1971 crisis which forced the dollar's devaluation."

Pompidou to visit China in September

PARIS (Reuters). — French President Georges Pompidou will pay an official visit to China starting September 11, the Elysee Palace announced here yesterday.

The announcement said Mr. Pompidou would be visiting China at the invitation of Prime Minister Chou En-lai and Tong Pi-wu, China's interim President, but did not say how long the visit would last.

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MUSIC
REVIEW

The Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Pina Salzman, played (The Jerusalem Theatre, January 26). Dan Aro-nowitz: "Festival Overture" (1958); "Cello Concerto in A, opus 16; Cello; Invention and Dance; Kshalevsky: Suite from "Coles Brengaan."

It was a nice gesture of the foreign guest conductor to choose an Israeli composition for his programme (a practice little observed by our own conductors). However, the "Festival Prelude" by Dan Aro-nowitz is hardly representative of local creative efforts. The piece is basically homophonic and poorly orchestrated. It has no plan of development for its brittle material and a monotonous rhythmic background, employing percussion in a very clumsy manner.

The Prelude — although written in 1958 — apparently tries to recall the good, old days of early Palestine, around the second and third decades of this century. In its naivete it is reminiscent of accompaniment to old Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemet films.

Pina Salzman played her solo part in the Grieg Concerto in her usual manner, complete with trillings, but a more contemporary approach might have made listening more satisfactory — fresher, tempi, crisp attack, less 19th century sentimentality, could save much of the Grieg heritage for our ears.

Mr. Ezra Rachlin selected for the second part of the programme two effective but rather shallow pieces. Paul Creston most certainly knows how to use the orchestra effectively and succeeds quite well in avoiding too close an affinity with Stravinsky's "Sacred du Printemps"; he also offers some rhythmic interest.

The Kshalevsky Suite is most effective in orchestral sound and tone masses, flows easily and, in the context of an opera, probably serves its purpose. In a concert hall, however, although one could appreciate the conductor's facility and the orchestra's response, one would have liked to have heard a work of consequence to appreciate fully Mr. Rachlin's qualities.

YOHANAN BOEHM

All Debussy night

Piano recital by Arie Vardi (Tel Aviv Museum, January 23). All Debussy programme: Suite Bergamasque; Preludes, op. 1.

MR. Vardi is an artist of great integrity, capable of rewarding the most demanding and refined listener. Although this was an all-Debussy programme, he sustained a high level of excitement and tension all through the recital. He possesses a remarkable touch, warm, pleasant and melodious. Yet it is flexible and when necessary, also powerful and rich. In the music of Debussy, in which expression is something entirely different from in romantic music and is achieved to a great extent by variation of touch, this is a remarkable asset. Yet Vardi is never obsessed by the effects he achieves. They are merely means to achieve a much wider, deeper and more penetrating musical insight which allows us to see what is behind nebulous outlines.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

PARIS POLICE ARMED WITH UZIS

PARIS (Reuters). — French newspaper pictures published here yesterday of members of the Paris police force's special anti-crime unit at the scene of a bank hold-up, showed policemen were armed with Israeli-designed Uzi sub-machine-guns.

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LEADERS MAY GET SURPRISE

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Hapoel, trailing Hakoah of Ramat Gan by one point in the two-team championship race, appear to have the easier task of the two clubs in National League Football this Saturday.

Tel Aviv Hapoel will be at home to Beersheba Hapoel. Both teams emerged narrow winners last week. However, Tel Aviv Hapoel has a goal average of 27:13, whereas Beersheba Hapoel show a 22:22 goal balance. One would not hesitate to select Tel Aviv Hapoel to win this game at the Bloomfield Stadium were it not for the poor form and lack of enthusiasm shown by the Tel Aviv team in recent weeks. Beersheba Hapoel, 2:1 winners over Shimshon in the Negev last week, are a much better home side than when playing away. All things considered, Tel Aviv Hapoel are likely to take the two points.

Hakoah, 1:0 winners in Jerusalem last week, return home to entertain Haifa Maccabi. The Haifa team has shown much improved form in recent weeks and were the biggest National League winners of the day last week in beating Netanya Maccabi 2:0. Although form would point to a clearcut win for Hakoah, who have a 26:12 goal average compared with Haifa's 18:20 goal deficit, this reporter has a strong suspicion that Haifa Maccabi may pull off a surprise result in Ramat Gan. Sports Illustrated Pool players are advised to save on a draw.

The big attraction at the Bloomfield Stadium this week will be the match between Tel Aviv Maccabi and Jaffa Maccabi. Last season's League champions have given indications of returning to better football, and scored an extremely useful 1:0 win over Petah Tikva Maccabi at the same ground last week. Tel Aviv Maccabi's problem remains the lack of goal scoring prowess in attack: they have scored only 17 goals in 18 League games.

Jaffa Maccabi have one of the strongest defences in the League, and one cannot imagine Tel Aviv Maccabi getting many goals this Saturday. Jaffa Maccabi have been consistently unlucky in recent weeks, playing good football but losing points. A own goal last week again cost it both points. No result

would come as a surprise in this game, and a draw looks as likely as any.

Jerusalem Hapoel, in third place in the league, return to the Katamon ground in the Capital. Visitors this week will be Shimshon, struggling to avoid relegation. Moshe Romano, Gideon Damri and Co. are worth more than 15th place, but it would come as a surprise if they managed to collect points from Jerusalem Hapoel in Jerusalem.

Jerusalem Betar travel to Petah Tikva to face Maccabi. The last time these teams met, Betar won 1:0 in Jerusalem. It is doubtful, whether they will repeat the win as Petah Tikva Maccabi are a strong home team and Jerusalem Betar are much poorer away than when playing at the Y.M.C.A. ground in the Capital. Betar considered itself unlucky to lose 0:1 at home to Hakoah and a draw should not be excluded in forecast calculations.

Fighting for their life in the National League, Marmorek Hapoel have another tough engagement playing away to Haifa Hapoel. Marmorek Hapoel gave Kfar Saba Hapoel a hard game last week and were clearly unlucky to lose both points in a 1:0 defeat. Marmorek did the attacking virtually throughout the game. Haifa Hapoel too are nearing the relegation zone, and are



By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

currently in 13th place. Home-ground advantage may be the crucial factor to enable Engländer, Gindin and Leventhal to win both points for Haifa.

IL300,000 WIN

Only one player marked an all correct line of 13 results last week, scooping IL300,000 in the Sportoto Football Pool. The man lives in Tivat Hacarmel, near Haifa. Forty-eight coupons showed 12 correct results, each worth IL2,500. Over 700 had 11 results correct and will receive cheques for IL170. Ten results were worth IL21. The minimum total prize money this week will be IL500,000, the Sports Betting Council has announced.

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Top woman tennis star

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Lawn Tennis Association's newly-published 1973 ranking list once again names Tel Aviv Hapoel's Tova Epstein as top woman player, the 12th successive year she has headed the list.

The men's rankings are headed by her club-mate, Yehoshua Shalem, for the third year running, as already briefly reported in these columns.

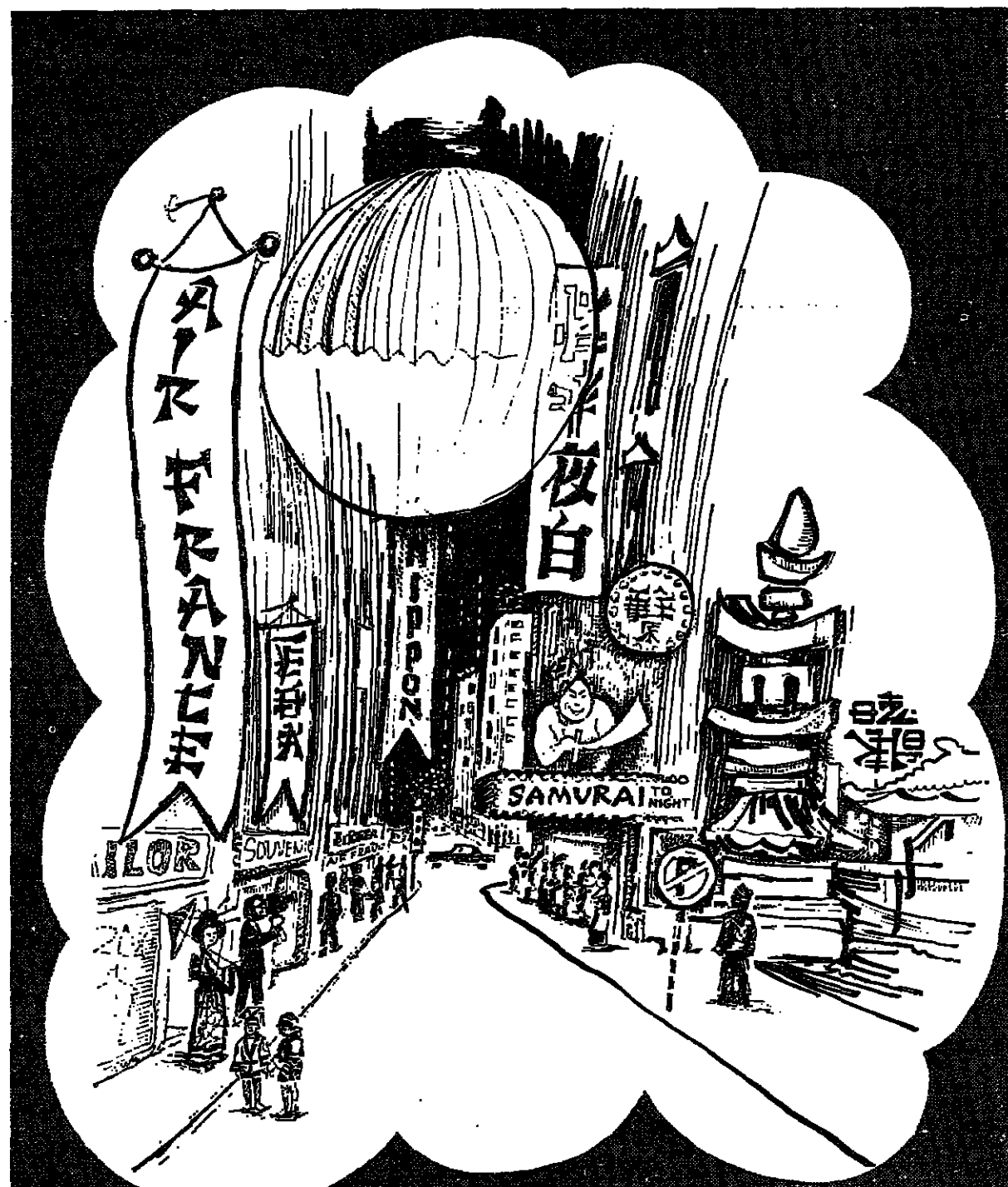
A new name follows Mrs. Epstein in the women's list, with Janine Schmahmann replacing Gillian Kay in the No. 2 position. Miss Schmahmann immigrated to Israel from South Africa just a year ago and quickly made her mark on the local game. Mara

Cohen-Mintz is third in the new list, with Gillian Kay dropping to fourth spot.

In the men's rankings, Yosef Stabholz is placed at No. 2 and Ian Froman at No. 3, both for the third year running (Froman is another former South African).

The biggest "promotion" has been achieved by national junior champion Yair Wertheimer, who jumps from 10th spot last year to fourth in the new table.

In the junior under-18 rankings, the boys' list is led by Reuven Porges and Danny Kalovsky—Wertheimer was competing abroad for much of last season, and so missed many of the I.L.T.A.'s youth tournaments. The top two girls in this age division are Ronit Heller and Shlomit Levy.



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Sudden switch on inflation

THE decision yesterday by the economic ministers' committee to set jointly with the Histadrut to stem inflation is a welcome step.

The need to apply a brake to rapidly rising prices and wages has long been obvious. Yet calls for a sterner policy did not seem to make any great impression on the Government's posture. Rather the public was reassured that the economy is under control. Less than a month ago the budget for 1973 was tabled envisaging further growth and inflation along the same lines as in the past year. The national budget's economic forecasts were based on a similar approach.

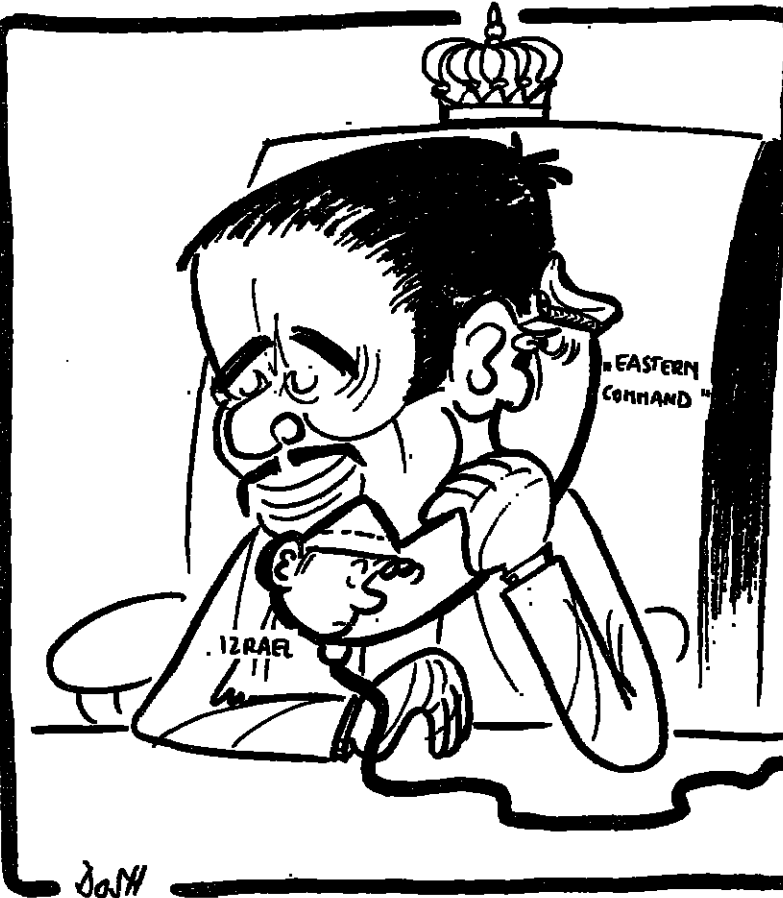
Moreover, the way the decision was announced leaves doubt about its actual purpose. The official communiqué mentioned checking price rises, and the intention to strengthen the links between prices, wages and taxes. It also hinted that the employers should take part in the process, without making clear what role they are expected to play. As a

matter of fact, the employers have neither been invited nor consulted, and they are wary of taking part in another "package deal."

The main aim of the new policy seems to be to slow down price rises in order to avoid another Cost-of-Living allowance increase in mid-year. To that end price controls may again be stiffened, and subsidies increased beyond the amounts included in the budget. If this effort would cut the current rate of the price creep by half, that is, bring it down from over one per cent a month to ½ per cent, the Histadrut would probably be ready to delay the next C-o-L hike to January 1974, and even to freeze some retroactive wage adjustments already contracted. The current price level would thus be kept more stable than had been forecast, although more of the inflationary stress would be shifted to the next year.

In any case, if prices do not rise, private consumption is likely to increase even more than expected, unless something is also done to curb incomes.

DIALOGUE



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Terrorism and politics

Al Hamishmar (Mapam): "The discovery of the letter-bombs shows that the terrorist front is the only one on which constant activity against Israel is maintained. War threats by the Arab leaders notwithstanding, they — or at least some of them — realize that the time is not ripe for confrontation. The establishment of the joint command and support for terrorist activity is necessary for the Arab leaders to keep the conflict simmering. Accordingly, side by side with combating terrorism, thought should be devoted to preparing the ground for a decision on the political plane."

Davar (Histadrut) on the E.E.C. protocol Mr. Eban signed on Tuesday: "The protocol is a final respite given us before the dismantling of the high customs barrier which has protected Israel industry. The gradual abrogation of protective customs duties will be the beginning of a test — a cruel one, no doubt — for the Israeli economy, obliging it to compete in quality and reasonable prices."

Hatzofe (National Religious) comments on the E.E.C. protocol and France's attitude of understanding toward Israel and the E.E.C. compared with Britain's attitude: "This development obliges Israel to embark upon political initiative to retain her position with the Common Market countries."

Ha'aretz (non-party): "Despite the continued fighting in Vietnam, it is unlikely that this is the beginning of a new war. The last-minute attempt by both sides to snatch a village here or a bridge there possibly hints at their belief that once the four-sided mapping commission finishes marking the boundaries, it will be difficult to change them. Moreover, North Vietnam might conclude that American rehabilitation aid is more important than an attempt to seize power in Saigon."

She'arim (Poalei Agudat Yisrael): "The fighting in Vietnam continues because the Communists want all and are not prepared to concede anything. This is the core of the Communist doctrine. An analogy is found in the Middle East where the Arabs are not prepared for concessions. Their actual desire is to annihilate the State of Israel."

Omer (Histadrut): "The U.N. has proved that it is unable to make peace or to maintain it, both in Vietnam and in the Middle East. We therefore, must not hand over to it any vital issue for its decision."

FOREIGN PRESS

The Vietnam danger

NEW YORK (AP). — The Vietnam situation is still acutely dangerous for the U.S., the "New York Times" said yesterday.

In an editorial the paper said: "No one expected the Vietnam War to end tidily. As long as the cease-fire documents did not draw a specific map of on-the-ground control... last-minute grabs for position across South Vietnam were fully expected. But the intensity of small-unit fighting these last two days stretches the anticipated untidiness to the limit."

"The coming days are a moment of acute danger for the U.S. government, both for the policy-makers of the executive branch and for the congress."

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NIXON'S TOUGH STANCE

WASHINGTON. —

WILL it be a reasonably open Presidency for the next four years or a closed one? An inaugural speech by itself cannot tell us, and President Nixon's didn't. It depends not on words but on deeds.

So I look for omens. I find a note in the "Japan Times." For 1973, it says, "The persevering ox has taken over the wheel of the Oriental zodiac from the shrewd rat, which reigned over the world in 1972."

Since Richard Nixon has just turned 60, and was born in the Year of the Ox, I read on, only to find that people born under the sign will show extraordinary, ox-like obstinacy.

It almost makes me believe in the Oriental zodiac. Who can doubt that Richard Nixon is persevering and obstinate, and that he has shown it more than ever in the past three months? We may be in for another four years of it.

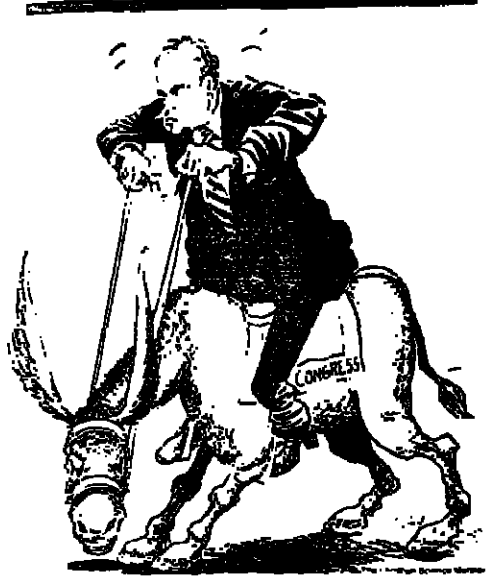
Is that bad? Not necessarily. Not if he keeps the Presidency and himself open to an exchange of ideas and a competition of policies. And if he keeps the government open to a balancing of its major branches. A man doesn't get to be president twice unless he has a formidable will.

The Presidency is endangered by adversaries, hostilities, hatreds, and partisan rancors. A stubborn perseverance may be the only way by which a President can hope to shape the resistant material of political life to his programmes and purposes.

But stubbornness can be bad when a President isolates himself, when he locks himself up in the prison of his thoughts, plans, resentments, carrying on his office from there and throwing the key away.

There has always been a tug-of-war between Presidents and their Congresses. Various Presidents have used an array of strategies in the contest. They have wooed a hostile Congress, stormed against it, soft-soaped it, pressured it, sought to educate particular Congressmen and Senators, or seduced them by flattery or patronage.

Franklin Roosevelt was good at it, Harry



"Christian Science Monitor"

Unless Mr. Nixon opens the Presidency to the fresh winds of discussion and opposition, the four years ahead will be bitter ones, writes Max Lerner

Truman not so good, John Kennedy awkward, Dwight Eisenhower reasonably effective, Lyndon Johnson brilliant. Nixon lacks Johnson's talent at Congressional relations, but recently he also seems to lack the taste for it. He would do well to recultivate it.

True, American government is no longer Congressional government, and has become Presidential government. But it still involves

working in tandem with Congress and the courts, and yes, with that fourth branch, the media, and even with that fifth branch, the institutional one, including business, labour and the universities.

No matter how strong and tough a President is, he can't afford to make enemies of all these power rivals of his for any length of time. He can't ignore them or isolate himself from them and still hope to govern a reasonably unified country.

I have several times noted how strongly Nixon is taken with de Gaulle's image and leadership. But France was not America, and de Gaulle was not Nixon. De Gaulle was able to strut to his full height because "le grand Charles" captivated even while he infuriated. Surprise and stubbornness were in themselves not enough.

Moreover, de Gaulle came to power as the hero who could override the parliamentary system. The French people were thoroughly fed up with the parliamentarians, with their pettiness, their instability, their lack of vision. Americans don't respect Congress much, but they don't use it as the symbol of all their discontents. They feel more bitter about the media, and some day an ambitious politician might ride to power on a campaign against the media. To an extent, Nixon has been using such a campaign, but it won't enable him to sustain a feud with every other branch of the system.

Nixon has had rough treatment from the media. But his resentment goes beyond them to what he feels is a liberal ideology which poor-mouths and down-grades America's world position and its future. We haven't understood until now how strongly he has come to identify his opponents as such ideologists — even some shrewd, hard politicians who are playing the political game, not the ideological one.

In the Year of the Ox, I doubt whether he will relax this stubborn stance of his. But unless he does, unless he opens the Presidency to the fresh winds of discussion and opposition, the four years ahead will be bitter ones, even without a war to cast its shadow on them.

Readers' letters

Egged: are some more equal?

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I have been living in Israel for three and a half years, and since my husband is a bus driver employed by Egged (for five years except for six months before we were married) I feel that I have learned a little about this company. A recent article about Egged, you quoted an Egged spokesman as saying that the financial commitment necessary for becoming a member of Egged was not as rumoured, IL80,000-IL100,000, but much lower. This is not true. I will not quote the exact amount we were recently told, but it is a few thousand pounds above this range.

My husband — like 99 per cent of the bus drivers employed by Egged who are not some of members — would like to become a member but cannot. Where could we get that amount of money? How could anyone, with the salary Egged pays its employed driver, raise that amount of money without getting into financial difficulties over their heads?

I cannot understand how an Israeli company which is connected to the Histadrut can take advantage of its employees as Egged does. These drivers work 100 per cent harder than members, doing all of the work the members won't do — long trips to other cities, drivers for specially hired buses, early morning and late night shifts in one day, etc. — but receive only 20 per cent of the salary of a member. If this 20 per cent was enough to live on, it would be fine, but it isn't. I also work, and we have one baby only, but with the cost of living what it is today, we barely get along. My husband's salary is between IL550-IL650 net. When he earned about IL650, he had worked an average of 13 hours daily, which is too much for a driver with responsibility for about 50 passengers, and which is against the law in the United States.

In order to be permanent in his job, Egged has made a regulation that a driver must work three years continuously before getting this status which also entails a good raise in salary. However, if there is any break in employment, even for a month, they start counting the three years from the time he begins working again.

I have noted where I live that due to one or all of the above-mentioned facts, quite a few drivers have left Egged in the past few months for jobs with more reasonable conditions.

Today a bus driver is a professional, for he deals with the Israeli public and with tourists. He must conduct himself accordingly, and be able to handle the many varied situations which arise in his work. He must be in perfect physical condition, have a high school education, know a minimum amount of English, and meet several other requirements. Due to the above facts, there is a lack of bus drivers in Israel today.

ANONYMOUS
(Name and address supplied)
Tiberias, January 2.

Egged replies:
There is a lot of truth in your correspondent's letter which reveals the pain and sorrow of a worker's wife who sees her husband work long hours and still has to go out to work herself so that a family with one child can make ends meet.

As a result of this bitterness, there is a feeling of a grudge against the "boss" — in this case the members of Egged. There is a saying that the neighbour's grass is always greener and it certainly applies here. Not only do employees work hard for insufficient remuneration, but members work just as hard for the same pay. It is not keep up with the cost of living.

Your correspondent is mistaken in referring to two separate camps in Egged — employees versus members. Especially in regard to working conditions, our cooperative is characterized by complete equality of workers and work assignments, which are identical for all. Categorically reject the claim that employees do the harder work.

Most salaried employees at Egged work in offices and auxiliary jobs and only a few drive buses in the hope of becoming members. In the last year alone, we took in more than 800 new members, of whom only 10 per cent were members' sons. Moreover, there is no distinction between old and new members with regard to working conditions. What makes all of them really equal is the fact that a bus driver's job in Israel is a dull and difficult one.

As far as salary is concerned, a member's salary is obviously higher than an employee's, otherwise why would employees invest large amounts to purchase a share and go into debt for many years for this purpose. I must deny your correspondent's claims about an employee's salary. The pay of salaried

DRIVERS' PAY

HELP THE RETARDED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — My husband and I were greatly moved by the documentary film on TV Sunday night, "A child for a lifetime." Having had a little baby just recently, it broke our heart to see other little ones who unfortunately will never be like our children. We were moved and interested by all the research and good rehabilitation programmes.

National Insurance gives out cheques to mothers who have had babies and thus I received mine yesterday. I decided to give part of it to Aidan, and I call on other mothers to follow. If we can't help by actively doing something, at least let us help this way, as any programme needs money behind it, and there is never enough of it.

ELEANOR FARBER
Savon, January 23.

RELATIVE GUILT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I was terribly upset to hear about the four Israelis accused of being spies and traitors. We Jews of the Golan love Israel like our true country and do our best to help her as we believe that is our duty. So it is intolerable to hear of Sabras accused of being traitors. If found guilty, they should be sentenced to death. Israel is still at war and the penalty for treason during war is death.

If found guilty, the Israeli Arabs are also culpable but they would not be as guilty as Sabras and should not be sentenced to death. An appropriate punishment would be expulsion from Israel for them and their families.

RINA DEBORA SEGEE
Turin, Italy, December 18.

How Kupat Holim treats its doctors

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I wish to refer to the letter from Martin Rhodes of London which appeared in your issue of January 3.

Would Mr. Rhodes claim that all general practitioners in England treat their patients in hospital?

Does Mr. Rhodes object to the patient freely choosing his doctor?

Does Mr. Rhodes know that clinic doctors do not work the full number of hours they are supposed to, and that is the main cause of most of the overcrowding?

The problem of pay is not particular to doctors, but to all salaried workers.

Mr. Rhodes' claim that Kupat Holim doctors are not free agents is categorically rejected. There is no medical institution in Israel or abroad where a doctor has as many possibilities to examine a patient, make laboratory tests and X-rays, hold consultations, have the patient hospitalized, and prescribe medication and treatment as in the Histadrut's Kupat Holim. No method of practice is imposed on any doctor. What a pity that the doctors do not display more initiative and devote more time and goodwill to this aspect of their work.

Mr. Rhodes' accusation that Kupat Holim treats its doctors like its cleaners merits only a smile, or contempt. Maybe he thinks cleaners should be treated less well. This is neither our policy nor our attitude. If doctors as a group of individuals feel this way, it is a sad error — almost a sick over-reaction to an inferiority complex on the one hand, and to a desire to be superior on the other. It would be possible to forgive this desire for su-

periority if the doctors' work ethics were characterized by a doctor for excel, but as long as they behave like all the other members of our changing, materialistic and permissive society, they have no right to assume such an attitude, which is the result of hypocrisy.

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BAD DRIVING HABITS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — May I, from my experience of a three-week stay (so far) in Israel, put to you a few things I have found out about your traffic problems.

The white lines for pedestrian crossings seem to be just for decoration, as far as drivers are concerned, and the long white lines down the centre of the road are to allow the drivers to keep their wheels on either side. The white line at the traffic lights, which in other countries drivers have to keep behind, are really only for the car second in line.

Car horns which should only be used in an emergency are a normal method of telling all other car drivers and pedestrians: "Get out of my way, or I'll bash you or knock you down."

Criticism without some suggestion of repair is irresponsible, so here goes:

1. There should be an enforcing of the law, such as prosecution for crossing the road when the red light is on. Having the car across the white line with engine revving, waiting to tear away as soon as the

yellow light comes up is an offence and, if it is known that they will be fined and perhaps disqualified from driving, this practice will soon be eliminated.

2. A sudden blitz by police in one area after another, with resultant prosecutions, will soon cure the habit of illegal honking.

3. Traffic police in their cars should enforce lane discipline.

To finish with, I would leave you with the thought that the standard of driving is so bad here that the amazing thing is not that there are so many accidents, but that there are so few.

SIDNEY HART
Jerusalem (Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex) January 10.

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The Ministry of Education and Culture announces that registration for Kindergartens, Elementary Schools and Schools for Working Youth throughout the country will take place February 4-16, 1973.

The following must register for:

- Kindergarten
All 5-year-old children born between Jan. 2, 1968-Dec. 31, 1968
- Elementary School
All 6-year-old children born between Dec. 14, 1966-Jan. 1, 1968
- Schools for Working Youth
Boys and girls, 14-17, who have not completed elementary school. Parents are requested to register their children at the place and times set by local authorities. Registration at the proper time increases a child's chances of being enrolled in the kindergarten or school closest to his home.

Detailed notices regarding registration of children will be published in all localities.